GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NON UTILISATION OF COMPUTERS IN POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that computers are lying untilized in a number of post offices in Bihar for the last four or five years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether computers are lying unutilized in Bagaha sub-post office;

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

(e) the step taken by the Government in this regard;

(f) whether the Government is considering to launch computerised services in the post offices of the State; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) No Computer is lying unutilized in Post Offices in Bihar for the last four or five years.

(c) One computer at Bagaha Sub Post Office is lying unutilized since November, 2004.

(d) One computer was supplied to Bagaha Sub Post Office during 1997-98 for electronic transmission of money orders through VSAT (Very Small Aperture Terminal) network working on CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) technology. This network was discontinued with effect from 1st November 2004 and a high speed TDMA (Time Division Multiple Access) VSAT network has now been put in place for transmission of money orders. The computer installed at Bagaha Post Office is not compatible with this high speed VSAT system and hence the computer is lying unutilized.

(e) The existing computer is being upgraded for its utilization at Bagaha Post Office.

(f) & (g) Department of Posts is presently implementing a Plan Scheme to computerize all Head Post Offices and large Sub Post Offices across the country, including in Bihar State. Till date, all the 31 Head Post Offices and 26 large Sub Post Offices have been provided with computers. It is proposed to computerize more large Post Offices of Bihar by March, 2007 subject to availability of funds and required approvals.